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SUBJECT: "NORMALIZATION PROCEDURE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS ABROAD"

REF STOCKHOLM 3558

1. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO EMBASSY STOCKHOLM FOR REFTEL, PROVIDING INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOC'S CONSULAR "NORMALIZATION" PROGRAM IN SWEDEN. WE HEREBY PROVIDE, FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION, OUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE OVERALL PROGRAM.

2. DIRECTIVE NO. 58, SETTING FORTH THE "NORMALIZATION" PROCEDURE, WAS MADE PUBLIC IN MID-JULY. THE MFA DID NOT PROVIDE US WITH DETAILED INFORMATION. IT HAS, HOWEVER, FREQUENTLY MADE REFERENCE TO THE NEW PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. HAVING RECENTLY OBTAINED A COPY OF THE DIRECTIVE, WE NOTE THAT ONLY THE EMIGRATION OF MINORS TO JOIN THEIR FAMILIES IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS A BENEFIT OF "NORMALIZATION"-NOT EMIGRATION OF ADULTS. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT YET SAY, IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM'S EFFECT ON DIVIDED FAMILIES WILL BE A LIMITED ONE.

3. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVE NO. 58 IN THE US. IN SOME INSTANCES, CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO HAVE BEEN NATURALIZED AS US CITIZENS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CSSR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THEY NO LONGER FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SORT OF ACTIVE

CAMPAIGN STOCKHOLM DESCRIBES BEING CARRIED ON IN WASHINGTON.

4. WE HAVE INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AS YET TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE "NORMALIZATION" PROGRAM WILL BE OF TRULY SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT IN REUNITING DIVIDED FAMILIES. ALSO, WE CANNOT CONJECTURE AS TO WHY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAS PURSUED THE PROGRAM SO ACTIVELY, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM OTHER ADDRESSEES.

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